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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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OVER 5,000 DELEGATES EXPECTED AT 27TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONVENTION

The 27th Annual Women's International Convention will convene Tuesday, May 10, through Sunday, May 15, in Miami Beach, Florida at the luxurious Fontainebleau Hotel on the ocean.

More than 5,000 delegates from across the country are expected to attend the convention which will include early morning prayer services, day and night worship services, workshops, daily broadcast, the pre-convention musical, many outstanding speakers, and two new features "3rd Generation service and An Evening with our Brothers." A tour of Miami and Miami Beach is also planned. This year's focus is UNITY.

The post convention tours will be a Caribbean cruise and a trip to Disney World.

On Civic night the woman of the year will be awarded and the Committee of 100 plus 1 will be presented under the direction of the Public Relations department.

The special projects committee spearheaded by Mother Emma Crouch assistant Supervisor will be presented on Sunday Morning unless other wise indicated.

Dr. Mattie McGlothen, International Supervisor, is calling for the support of everyone. She said, this will be a great spiritual experience for all women of every age, background and profession. In our 1977 convention we will inspire, enlighten and stimulate ourselves to greater heights in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Bishop J. O. Patterson, International Presiding Bishop will address the convention of Friday night.

The pre-musical under the direction of Mrs. Anna B. Crockett Ford will be held on Tuesday night.

The Mission program on Sunday will climax the expected record breaking meeting. Foreign missionaries from around the world will share the platform.

The International Women's Convention will be presided over by Dr. Mattie McGlothen, the newly appointed successor to the late Mother Bailey.

For more than fifty years, Dr. Mattie L. McGlothen has served in various leadership roles in the National work of the Church of God in Christ including International Hospitality President, President of the National Executive Advisory Board and as Chair person of committees.

She has also served as Assistant National Supervisor of the Women's Department during the Administration of the late Dr. Lillian Coffey and Dr. Anne L. Bailey. After the recent death of

Dr. Bailey she was elected General and International Supervisor of Women's Department and Women's International Convention President of the Church of God in Christ, the highest honor and position attainable in the Women's Department of the Church.

At the 1975 International Women's Convention in San Francisco she received the Special Achievement Award for "51 years of distinguished services as licensed Missionary and National Hospitality chairwoman."

Dr. McGlothen is well versed in the leadership of the Women's Department and organized women throughout the United States and foreign countries. She has served as Supervisor of the Churchwomen of Northern California for forty-one years.

In the Church and community she is known to many as "Mother McGlothen" or "Mom". She has lived in Richmond since the early 1940's and is a faithful member of McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ located in North Richmond and named in honor of her late husband, Bishop G. W. "Dad" McGlothen.



YOUNG PEOPLE SEEKING THE LORD DURING EVENING SERVICES AT CONVENTION.

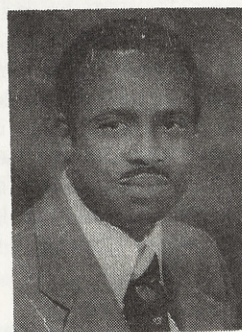
SUPT. WINBUSH AND COMMITTEE GOES INTO SECOND YEAR WITH U.N.A.C.

"People said it couldn't be done" said one enthusiastic delegate of COGIC-UNAC-5. This was the opinion of many before July 11th, 1976 "Impossible" many said and believed. Faithful convention goers couldn't see how a set pattern the Church of God in Christ had been following for thirty or more years could be changed overnight. However, thanks to the untiring efforts of Supt. Roy L. H. Winbush and the united team effort of our executive committee supported by the Presiding Bishop and General Board it worked. The greatest united effort in the History of the Church was realized. Five Department Heads and their staff pulled together to create a symbol of unity unsurpassed.

Even though criticised on every hand they seemed determined to prove it could be done. The job they did was unparalleled in convention History of the Church of God in Christ. The members of the Executive Committee are, Bishop G. R. Ross, Secretary of Committee, Bishop C. W. Williams, President of Sunday School Department, Bishop W. James, President of YPWW, Elder A. J. Hines, Executive Director of Bible Colleges, Sis. Mattie Clark, President of Music Department, Bishop L. C. Page, President Evangelist Department, Supt. E. J. Wright, chairman of Registration, Elder O. J. Haney,

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Mrs. Clara Clemmons, Member of Committee, Bishop C. H. Brewer, Jr., Chairman Budget Committee, Elder C. Moody, Home & Foreign Mission Department.



SUPT. WINBUSH

Supt. R. L. H. Winbush, of Lafayette, Louisiana has been appointed by the administration to head this new move to combine the five major auxiliary meetings of the year into one mammoth convention.

Supt. Roy L. H. Winbush is a
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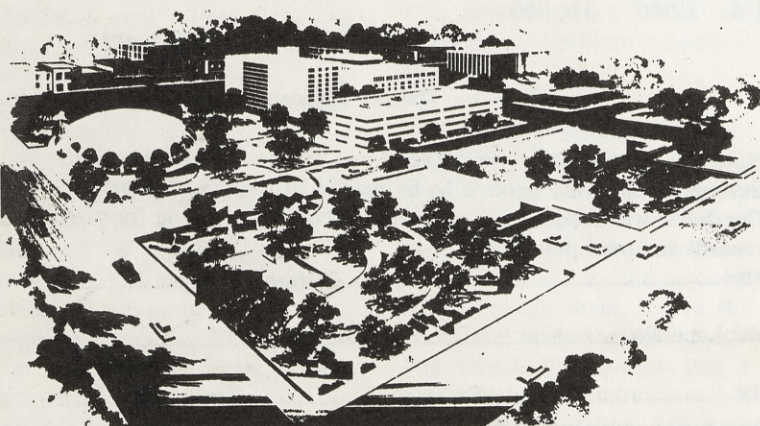
PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS

The hour has arrived for the Saints of The Church of God in Christ to start building Saints Center, an International Evangelistic Center for the service of the Lord.

Saints Center is a vital symbol of the inspirational vision of unity

received by Bishop Mason and brought into full and glorious fruition by the present presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson. From this complex, The Church of God in Christ can forcefully mount the many activities promoting the Gospel of Christ

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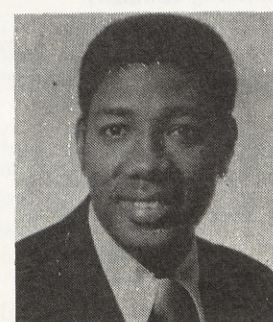
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MISSIONS PRESIDENT NAMED MEMBER OF WORLD PENTECOSTAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The 11th Pentecostal World Conference in session named International Home and Foreign Missions President, Elder Carlis L. Moody, as a member of the Advisory Committee for the 12th Pentecostal World Conference. Elder Moody, who was recommended by Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, succeeds the Late Bishop S. M. Crouch.

The World Pentecostal Conference is a spiritual gathering where International leaders from almost every

country in the World come together in daily confrontation



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GUEST EDITORIAL "CONCLUSION" of MY FORTY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

by
Rev. William Buitendorp

Time is change, and time in the church is change in the church. The church today is not the same church in which we began our ministry. In fact, the church I am serving right now is not the same church I was invited to serve 18 years ago. As painful as change may be for a lot of people, I thank God for change, for change is a part of life. This means that the church, inspite of some of its critics, is a living church.

Yet inspite of all these changes that have taken place in the church - and they are important changes, the pattern has run true to form. Change is never complete. Along with change is that which is permanent. As the writer to the Hebrews said, "These things are shaken that those things which cannot be shaken shall remain." We sometimes get excited about some of the problems that the church faces in our day. It is interesting to read the sermons of the great divines of a couple of generations ago and hear them saying about the same things then that may be heard in the pulpit today.

As each generation seeks to meet its problems we get enamored with the game of catch-words. To be up-to-date the minister must use a certain vocabulary and include in his preaching the emphasis on the modern public interests. During the depression when we began our ministry the pulpit had to attack the economic system and decry technology. Then came a period when ministers thought they had to become fifth and sixth rate psychiatrists, and you had to talk about "counselling" and "peace of mind" or else you were not with it. There was a period when if the minister didn't mention the name of the Holy Spirit a dozen times in his sermon he was theologically suspect. If you did not use old words in their proper sequence your evangelical standing was in doubt even though you were trying to preach the gospel in the language that the people in the pew might better know. Today, of course, you have to "put it all together." The jargon of the "pad" find its way into the pulpit or else some feel that they are not "with it." This is the "now generation." We have instant coffee, instant breakfast, instant replay, and we want instant society. While God has been able to wait a few thousand years young men are not able to wait until next week. They leave the pulpit to be social workers because they believe that this is "where the action is." For them the church is no longer "relevant." The church as an institution is on its way out. History has passed it by.

It is good to see the enthusiasm of these young men, and God bless them in their drive and determination and their dreams for our new world. But what is today? It is but the narrow space taken up by the gateway between yesterday and tomorrow, between history and hope. They may forget that all of the gains that have been made by mankind have come through the very church they now deride, and all of those good ideas and ideals for mankind that they would implement in the new social order had their genesis in the very Bible that they would replace with their case history book. If there is anyone who has ever done more than Jesus Christ to stir men's conscience to care for the less fortunate and the neglected and the needy let us have his or her name. All one has to do is look around the world and note the difference where Christ has walked and where he has not been invited to walk.

Not that we should be satisfied with what the church has accomplished in Jesus' name. Not one bit. Instead we should all of us stand ashamed of ourselves as Christians at what we have not been able to do as a great church as compared to what a handful of apostles did in a hostile world in a hundred years. We know, at least we should know, where we are going. Our dream is the dream of our Lord, the dream of the Kingdom of God, with its wonders beyond our comprehension. What the church needs, is not to be caught up in the shibboleths of the day, but to read history, church history, Biblical history, to see the church as it has struggled upward through the night, and then standing there in his own "blood, sweat, and tears" to hear the call of the imperishable dream. Then he will never have to worry about the relevancy of the church for today, or any day. I have faith in the church, faith enough to spend my life for her, because Christ had faith enough in the church to give his life for her.

I hear the hinges on the gate creaking a little bit, and Jeannette and I will push it open and walk through together as we have walked together these many years in our Lord's service, forever grateful for having been privileged to have served two wonderful congregations with the love of so many people carved in our hearts. For all that we have failed to do, and for all that we had hoped to do but were not able, we beg our Lord's forgiveness. All we can say is that this has been a wonderful life, and we would not have wanted to miss a minute of it. Since all this has been by the grace of God, and the goodness of two wonderful congregations, we say, "Thank you, Lord, we thank you." Amen.



ANSWERS
TO YOUR
QUESTIONS

To Be Continued
in Future Issues

BE A PARTNER FOR PROGRESS

My Dear Fellow Saints,

When God commands, I can do nothing but obey as his most humble creature and servant. Saints Center is God's order to me. But I am helpless. A head can envision. A head can dream. But we the Church are the Body of Christ. So we must be Partners for Progress if Saints Center is to be a reality.

The cost is high, but not beyond us. If those among us who have been financially blessed and will pledge \$2,000 to be donated over a two year period and those less blessed, pledge \$1,000 for the same period, we can meet our goal and pay as we build.

But God knows who is giving from his heart and will reward the mite-giver who sacrifices more than the rich man whose gift doesn't hurt.

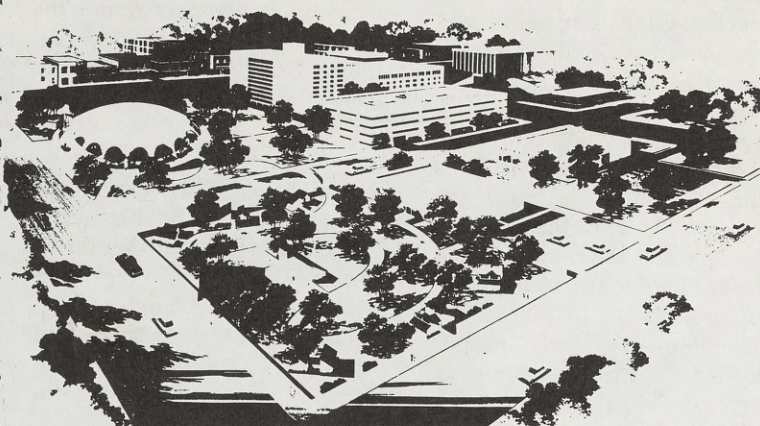
The Church of God in Christ has been richly showered with the blessings of the Holy Ghost. Our prodigious growth in size and influence in sixty nine short years should not in this year of our Lord, 1977, come to a rest.

Let us not lay down our burden and become smug and self-satisfied. Saints Center will be The Holy Ghost Evangelistic Center of the world. Christ has charged us as born again Christian "to go ye into all the world." The people of the world are in need of the Gospel-Saints Center will be our visible symbol indicating to all, our dedication to do God's Will.

Be a Partner for Progress. Help build our Saints Center and make the years to come a new age of evangelism for the world.

May God Bless You Richly,

J. O. Patterson
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THE GREAT CHURCHES OF JERUSALEM



JERUSALEM, ISRAEL: Within the Church of the Dormition on Mount Zion, an image of Mary, Mother of Jesus, rests on a bier, at the traditional site of her death, or dormition.

GENERAL MOTORS SPONSORS ANTI-CHRIST FILM

(This information was taken from a February issue of the "Faith For The Family" magazine. Produced by Bob Jones University)

GENERAL MOTORS SPONSORS ANTI CHRIST FILM

American auto manufacturing giant General Motors has reportedly provided the financing for a controversial six-hour film designed to "destroy" the "myths" about the Lord Jesus Christ. The Life of Christ, directed by G. Franco Zeffirelli, is scheduled to be shown in hour-long segments at Easter-time on NBC-TV in the United States, A-TV in Great Britain, and RAI-TV in Italy.

Director Zeffirelli told a news magazine reporter, "I...see Jesus as an ordinary man-gentle, fragile, simple...Of course, the public is going to be annoyed that I am destroying their myths...Yet in view of the constant reinterpretation of Jesus' life and the tone of our contemporary society, I believe the changes which I have made are valid."

Bible-believing Christians around the globe are raising a storm of protest. Dr. Bob Jones, III, president of Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, complained to E. M. Estes, General Motors president: "If the film is as director Zeffirelli says... then it is the most wicked thing to ever be shown on television. The blasphemy of humanizing Jesus and denying His deity will not help the image of General Motors. I am surprised that the company would be a party to this sort of thing...Those who love and know the Lord Jesus Christ, God incarnate, as their personal Lord and Saviour will, I am sure, make their protest known both verbally and by spending their automobile dollars elsewhere. I beg you to reconsider and withdraw this

film from the market."

A General Motors spokesman, who at first denied that the vehicle manufacturer had anything to do with the film then later admitted providing a "modest sum" to finance it, could not understand the objection. He said a panel of "Notable Christians," including the Archbishop of Canterbury and a representative of the Vatican, had reviewed the film and approved of it. The "notables", of course, are all apostates who do not believe in

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THE GREAT CHURCHES OF JERUSALEM, FIRST OF A SERIES OF TWO ARTICLES

by

the Rev. Dr. G. Douglas Young President, American Institute of Holy Land Studies Mount Zion, Jerusalem

As Easter approaches, the thoughts of the world's Christians focus on the City of Jerusalem, where 1944 years ago, the drama of the New Testament reached its climax in the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. These final events in the life of Jesus were the opening days of Christianity and they are now commemorated in churches that are as varied as the city's history.

Jerusalem has great basilicas and tiny chapels, weathered Byzantine structures and 20th century creations, architecturally striking churches and unusual agglomerations of many ancient and competing styles. But each church has a special meaning to Christians since each honors an important figure or event in the New Testament. Let me lead you on a tour of them.

We start inside the Old City, the ancient walled section of Jerusalem dating back to the time of Jesus and earlier. Just inside the Lion's Gate (or St. Stephen's Gate as it is also known) is the Church of St. Anne, one of the three places in Jerusalem in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

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JERUSALEM, ISRAEL: Framed by the Herodian stones of the Old City Walls, Mount Zion's major landmarks are the Tomb of David, and the Church of the Dormition, whose foundation stone was laid by the German Kaiser in 1899.

DEAR SOUL WINNER

by

Margaret Givens

DEAR SOUL WINNER: To me, winning souls to Christ is the ultimate! the ultimate what? The ultimate service to the Lord. Just remember **SOMEONE WON YOU TO THE LORD!**

I want to give you some PRACTICAL pointers in soul winning. In soul winning you must be CONFIDENT. From the very beginning you must BELIEVE TOTALLY in what you are sharing with others. HAVE NO DOUBTS. Later, you will receive the scriptural outline of soul winning and will be schooled in the doctrinal aspect also.

I. BE CONFIDENT (Salvation brings about confidence).

1. Be confident in your belief. Be confident that God will give you wisdom and words. Be confident that God will give you courage. You have no need to fear anyone. You are saved. God is your Father. Everything and everyone is a result of God. When you know the Man who has made everything and everyone, then you have no need to fear anyone or anything. Do not fear persecution. Welcome it! People hated Jesus and so they will surely hate us. Soul winning will not be easy. If it were easy, then anyone could do it. If anyone could do it, then Jesus would not have needed his disciples and then the apostles.

You must be confident that God will guide completely. When you visit a home, you don't know what type of situation you may walk into. A family dispute may be taking place; a death in the family may have just occurred; a new baby; and many other things may be going on. There are some books that cover how to handle these situations. But no book covers everything. So be able to contact God quickly and ask Him what to do.

I have dwelled on confidence because this is the key. Without it you cannot effectively soul win. Without confidence, you cannot do anything effectively. In soul winning you are literally trusting God with your life; as you do not know what you may encounter. You must be walking and talking with God AT ALL TIMES.

II. DO NOT GO SOUL WINNING HOPING NO ONE IS HOME!

1. At first we may be so fearful of soul winning and contacting people that we may unconsciously hope that "no one is home."

III. KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING! 1. Soon we will have

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THE VOICE OF OUR FOUNDER

TIMES! TIMES OF REFRESHING

by

The Late Bishop C. H. Mason

The Late Bishop C. H. Mason, Founder of the COGIC 1121 Mississippi Ave. Memphis, Tenn.

"Times, Times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19.

Now from this text all of the Saints may see that God our Father has purposed in himself to give unto his people times of refreshing. But it is not for us to know the time when they shall be, for God has the times in his own power. Acts 1:7. We may be in them when they come, if we repent.

When one repents to God it gives him, that he may glorify God for what he has done in them and for what he will do. Peter, full of the Holy Ghost after the lame man was healed by the name of Jesus through them, stirred the rulers and leaders of the people that they had to confess that it was a wonderful miracle and it could not be denied, but they forbid the Apostles to teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and

John, full of the Holy Ghost, asked them to judge, whether it was right to obey them rather than God. The Apostles were threatened and let go. They returned to the saints and reported what God had done through them and what the rulers had said to them. They all glorified God and said: Grant unto thy servants that with all boldness they may speak thy word, and that signs and wonders be done by the name of the Holy Child Jesus, by stretching forth thy hand to heal. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken, where they were assembled, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and spake the word of God with boldness. Oh, it was a time of refreshing of the saints after they had been filled with the Holy Ghost. Many souls were added to the Church daily.

Again I will say unto the saints, be renewed in the spirit of your mind and be filled with the spirit, for the time of refreshing is come from the presence of the Lord to restore his little ones

that are longing to get back to their first love and the joy they once had, when they first knew the Lord and were filled with the Holy Ghost.

Remember that Jesus said: Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

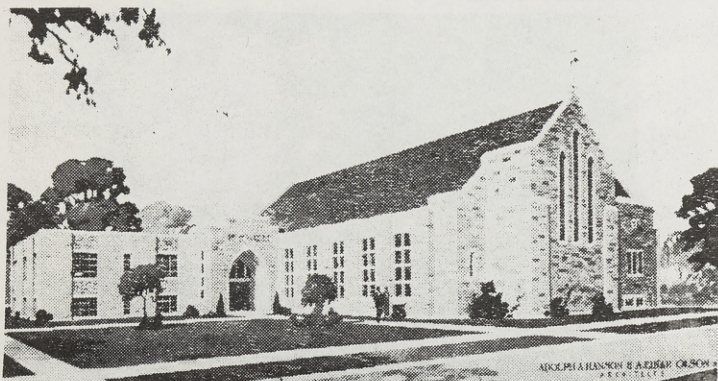
Oh, God, renew and refresh thy children everywhere, that thy name be glorified in all they say and do through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The refreshing is coming; repent and be ready everyone, for God will send Jesus in spirit to do and carry on the mighty work of God in everyone of his little ones.

It will be good for all to repent, for God himself repents when he sees the people repenting. Jer. 18:8-10. He will not let come upon them the evil he thought to let come if we repent and turn unto him. So many today in the Church that have thought wrong of another and speaking

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SPEAKING OF CHURCHES



DR. MOSES CROSS

THE NEW CROSS TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 9100 SOUTH BISHOP STREET/CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DR. MOSES CROSS, PASTOR

Approximately five years ago with the help of God, Pastor Dr. Moses Cross and members purchased the church at 9100 South Bishop. A beautiful edifice with stained window glass and plush carpeting on contract for \$235,000 with \$100,000 down payment, leaving a balance of \$135,000. In the contract the owner wrote if the church would pay them \$100,00 within 12 months, they would give Cross Temple \$35,000. Dr. Cross put on a rally, that raised \$30,000 and through the bank the Lord Blessed him to get \$70,000 mortgage to pay off the contract. Over one year ago Dr. Cross decided he would like to pay off the mortgage which was as of September 1, 1974 amounted to \$50,256.09. Pastor, officers, members and friends and well wishers of Cross Temple burned that mortgage on last September 15, 1974 amounted to 1974. This was a glorious day in the Lord.

On Saturday, February 22, 1975 the Christian Ladies Aid of Cross Temple honored Dr. Moses Cross in their Twelfth Annual Benefit Dinner for his great achievement in Burning the Church Mortgage within five years.

This wonderful event was held in the beautiful Boulevard Room of the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Cross Temple has a wonderful Sunday School setup and also put a lot of emphasis on their Youth Programs throughout the church. They also feature three choirs every Sunday before the dynamic Soul-Saving message by their spiritual leader, a man that has his hand in God's hand, Dr. Moses Cross. "IT IS NO SECRET WHAT GOD CAN DO!"



PRISCILLA CROSS

FROM DEATH TO LIFE

On the morn of March 8, 1968, I awoke in pain and fright, unable to move my body; unable to talk; just lying there with repentance in my heart, very sorrowful for having not obeyed

It all started in June of 1967, upon graduating from high school, I was determined to leave my home town and try this great world I had been sheltered from. Being only seventeen I could not understand why I could not enjoy the simple pleasures of this world, and live like many of my friends. Why did I have to be taken to prayer meetings every week, services on Sunday. Why did I have to be involved in Church activities such as choir, youth department, etc. If my mother wanted this "dull" life fine, but I wanted to "enjoy" life. I wanted to party, drink, and bright lights. I would sing my way to the top, then, if I got in any trouble, I would return home and have Minister Holland and his wife pray me clear of all the obstacles; not give my self to Christ, but to return to the "good life."

Oh, I had it good. This was easy street. You see, there is a danger of just being around the church and never becoming a part of the church. Of "having a form of Godliness but denying the power there of." Making church a habit, and not a committal to Christ. There I was confused in my mind about the reality of Christ. I was able to do a number of things in the church such as: sing, play the piano, teach Sunday School, usher, and others, because Dad was a minister and Mom a missionary. This was the way I was brought up. They sheltered me from a lot of pain and confusion which many of my friends were experiencing because their parents were not saved. Not realizing how blessed I was, how grateful, I should have been, I set out to find "freedom" where I would not have to go to church unless I felt like it.

After passing the civil service exam given at school before graduation, I applied for a job with the FBI. I was to leave the week after graduation for

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LIBERTY: NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL

The bicentennial celebration, birthday of our country, was not an incidental happening. Men lived and died to make it possible. During the Revolutionary War, the dynamic words of Patrick Henry, "Give me liberty or give me death," clearly show how much he was willing to sacrifice for the liberation of our nation. At the end of the struggle, the war was won. No more would they be under the tyranny of England. No more would they pay taxes without representation. No more would they be denied freedom of worship. At the end of the struggle, they could begin to plan and develop as a nation. They could choose their government and make laws accordingly. They could build homes, schools, and churches as they desired. At the end of the struggle, they could feel the rays of liberty shining down upon their heads beaming in their faces, and spreading down to their feet. Yes, they were free.

But, what about Black America? For them it was a different story. They were in the nation, but they were not really a part of it. They could not take part in the government. They could not exert any authority because most of them were slaves. For them the Declaration of Independence had little meaning. For them it was vain words on paper, "that all men are created equal," that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights. Liberty, one of the rights, was not apart of their daily living. The tight hand of bondage had them in its grip - not enough for

all of them to die, but too tight for many of them to live.

Change came slowly, but it came. In 1865 they did not experience a tremendous ray of liberty shining down upon them like the midday sun, but they did see a small spark - so small that it was frequently dimmed by opposing forces, so small that they sometimes wondered if it would ever grow brighter, so small that many thought it would be completely diminished.

Time passed. The future looked grim. Then suddenly there came more words from a man that knew the plight of Black America. Words that were the result of an overwhelming dream. Not the dream of one who is asleep, but the dream of one who is awake and aware. He was determined that a change should come. He was determined and a change did come.

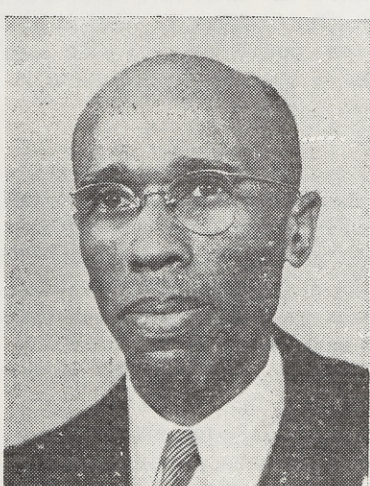
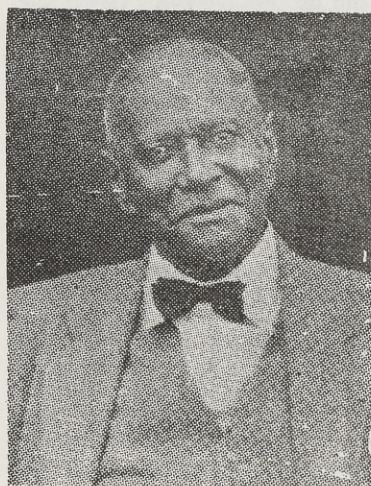
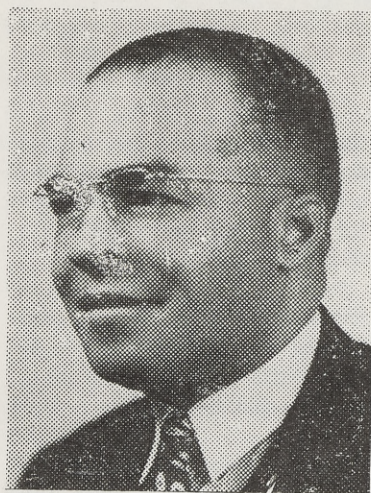
Dr. King's determination was contagious. It spreaded to the innermost beings of thousands until they could not lie still. They could not sit still. They could not stand still. They marched with strength and vigor through the streets of many cities singing with elation "We Shall Overcome."

He loved to see the spark grow brighter, brighter and brighter. Although it was not a blinding ray, it radiated until Black America realized that liberty was not just worthless words on paper. They realized that liberty was within their grasp. They

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OUR CHURCH HISTORY

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE MEN AND THEIR POSITIONS?



DEATH NOTICES AND MEMORIALS



MINISTER SUCCUMBS

Hundreds passed the bier of Elder Felix Welber Early on Saturday, January 22. Early, who was founder and pastor of New Covenant Church of God in Christ since 1957, died January 17, at the Hurley Medical Center almost a month before his 76th birthday (February 22).

A resident of Flint, Michigan, he was treasurer of concerned pastors association. District treasurers and devotional leader of Mt. Zion district of Northeast Michigan. He was a member of the state ordination board and Elders council, instructor at Charles Harrison Mason seminary, Flint, Michigan and a charter member of the Bible College. He was also a member of the U. A. W. Local No. 599.

Elder Early lived a rich and full life encouraging many to hold fast to their profession. His last requested song was "Going Up Yonder".

Survivors are: His beloved wife, Ora Lee, two sons and one daughter in law, four grandchildren, one great grandson, a step-mother, one sister, four brothers, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Interment: Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, Flint, Michigan.

Bishop P. A. Brooks officiated.



OBITUARY

Mother Lithenia McDonald, was born August 22, 1899, in Mansfield, Louisiana, to the parentage of Mr. and Mrs. Kalop Hall. She moved to Dallas, Texas in her early youth. She received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1927, in Dallas, under Bishop E. M. Page.

Mother McDonald moved to Los Angeles, California and united with the Community COGIC, under the ministry of the late Elder Jenkins. She served faithfully as an evangelist missionary. In 1963, she united with the Saints Home COGIC, under the leadership of the late Bishop L. M. Driver.

Many souls have been saved through her prayers. She received the appointment as

District Missionary, under Bishop L. M. Driver and Mother E. Nash, State Supervisor. Later she was appointed Assistant State Supervisor to Mother E. Nash.

She was a loyal, faithful saint and church worker, and church mother of Pleasant Hill COGIC, where she served well until she was called to her eternal home on December 10, 1976, at 12:00 noon, in the View Park Hospital.

Mother McDonald leaves to cherish beautiful memories of a well-spent life of devotion and Christian service, one son, Mr. Willard Brookens; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Leola Bagsby; one stepson, James McDonald; two granddaughters, Gloria and Betty Brookens; two step granddaughters, LaQueta and Renee; one grandson, Reginald Brookens; two great-grandsons, Larry and Tony Ballard; one sister, Rachael Pipkins, of Dallas, Texas; three brothers, Jefferson Hall, Sr., of Santa Ana, Calif.; Lee and Saul Haul, of Shreveport, La.; a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

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FROM LABOR TO REWARD In Memory of Bishop C. J. Johnson

Bishop C. J. Johnson was a faithful servant of the church for more than 50 years. Funeral services were held for him on Friday, November 5, 1976 from Cathedral Center Northeast Michigan, 10325 E. Jefferson. Bishop P. A. Brooks Officiated.

The Eulogy was delivered by the International Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson.

Many friends throughout the national work were present to pay their last respects to a fellow churchman, brother and friend. He was a tailor by trade and during his early church life served as a janitor, a deacon and a drummer. He built and pastored four churches in Michigan. He served in different phases of the state and national church being appointed to his post as state bishop in 1959. He was recipient of many honors and awards but was best known on the national scene as a member of the Finance board.

He always held his head high nothing really got him down. He was a warm and generous man who inspired many. His work and pastoring played an important part in making good saints of God. Bishop Johnson gained the affection and confidence of many. He was a churchman. His deeds and accomplishments will long be remembered in the hearts of the people he helped and served so faithfully.

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TIMES! TIMES OF REFRESHING

wrong to each other and has not repented for it. The word of God says: "Speak evil of no man." Titus 3:2. So many have grieved the spirit. Hear what the word of the Lord says: Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4:30-32.

How many times may we be renewed? Our inner man may be renewed day by day. 2nd Cor. 4:16. What is it that renews us? It is the Holy Ghost. Titus 3:5.

The refreshing that comes from the Lord, will make you quick to hear the Lord and slow to speak. Quick to duty and slow to neglect duty in Church and to one another.

It will help you to suffer long with them that do evil. The refreshing is not getting another Holy Ghost, but the same spirit that teaches all things of Jesus.

I have heard of some saying that what he has received, beat the Holy Ghost. No, we can never get anything from God to beat Christ in the Holy Ghost. For he is the first and the last. Rev. 1:11-17. So if anything tells you that, you may know that it is the devil and not the Lord.

The devil is only giving a lie to speak against the Holy Ghost, so that you may not be forgiven in this world nor the world to come.

When you are renewed and refreshed from the Lord it will make your love increase for all, whether they be weak or strong.

Paul said: Since he heard of the faith of the Ephesians in Christ and their love unto all the saints. Eph. 1:15. He cease not to give thanks to God, making mention of you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge

of Him.

Remember that Paul told the saints to be filled with the spirit. Eph. 5:18. The word refilled is not the word of the Apostle, but be filled with the Spirit. I hear that so many are getting refilled as they call it without getting renewed in the spirit of their mind, as Paul said in Eph. 4:22.

Hear Paul tell these speaking in tongues, saints to put off the old and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and then put on the new man that after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

The old man will either have put to the word or take away from it. He knows that the word says: Add not unto the word, lest he reprove thee and thou be found a liar. For every word of God is pure. Prov. 30:5-6.

So the word "refilling" with the spirit is not in the book. If we add to the word God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in the book. And if you take away from the words of the book, God will take away your part out of the Book of Life. Rev. 22:18-19. For he whom God has sent speaketh the words of God. John 3:34.

Jesus received the spirit and did as it was written of him in the book. Heb. 10:7.

Oh, when you are filled with the Holy Ghost you will do like our Lord Jesus Christ. Do what is written of you. Be filled with the spirit, and seek to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Eph. 4:1-6.

All of the seven pastors of the seven churches that were in Asia, when God the Father gave Jesus Christ his Son, a revelation to give to John, to write and send it unto the pastors and members of the seven Churches, five of those pastors were called for God to repent. The first pastor had left his first love. He could not bear the ones that were evil. Yet God was bearing with him. So he had to repent. The second had poverty but God counted him rich and promised him a crown of life. The third had two things

wrong. One was casting stumbling blocks in God's people's way, the other was the putting away of wives. That thing God hated. Rev. 2:14-15. So this pastor had to repent.

Too much unrepented sins among the pastors in the churches. Sin of adultery, sin of greed for money, sin of seeking for honors, sin of beating God's poor little ones instead of feeding them. Hear God asking you saying: What meaneth ye that ye beat my people to pieces and grind the face of the poor? Isa. 3:15. The Lord says: Speak comfortable unto Jerusalem. Isa. 40:12. The sin of lust for women, sin of being lords over God's people. Some of the pastors if the members go to another church without asking him; He will make them go to the altar or keep silent or he will denounce him out. That is more than God will do. For God says: Behold I set before you good and evil, life and death and leave it to us to choose. Pastors, we are not the people's bosses but the watchmen to give warning. If we warn them and they fail to take heed, their blood is upon them and not on the watchman. Ezek. 3:17-19. Pastors that are beating and calling God's children all kinds of names, so he can keep them under him, that he may get the dollar out of them, are called by the God of his people, "Greedy dogs." Isa. 56:9-11. They can never have enough. Pastors that don't understand, for they are looking for their own gain from his quarter. But remember, pastors, that God does not appoint dogs over his sheep to feed, but pastors after his own heart, that will give their life for the good of God's sheep. That will feed God's people with knowledge and understanding. Jer. 3:15. All pastors of that kind are called of God to repent and be renewed in the spirit of their mind and be filled with the Holy Ghost for your time is near at an end. But though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. Gal. 1:8.

Your humble servant,

Elder C. H. Mason, Senior Bishop

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MISSIONS PRESIDENT

for a week. This daily mixing and involved fellowship and confrontation for one whole week have proven to be priceless and invaluable.

Men and women displaying dynamic leadership and ability share spiritual views and all involved are enriched and blessed as their ideas mingle together.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to take the responsibility of planning for the program and general arrangements for the forthcoming Pentecostal World Conference that will be held 1979 in Canada.

Members of the Advisory Committee are chosen as individuals and not necessarily as representative of a particular association or denomination. It is indeed an honor that Elder Moody was recognized as such an individual. CONGRATULATIONS PRESIDENT MOODY!

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THE GREAT CHURCHES OF JERUSALEM

Here, tradition says, was the home of her mother Anne, the place where she was born and reared. Like so many of the city's churches this one has a long history of construction and reconstruction. The excavated church of St. Anne here is of special interest. Its massive archaeological remains covered the two pools of Bethesda and the 1400 year old church originally built on the site. Diagonally across the Old City on Mount Zion, just outside the Zion Gate, is a large and very beautiful landmark, the modern Church of the Dormition. The cornerstone was laid by Kaiser Wilhelm II in 1899. Tradition says that it was built over the home of disciple John, and that it was here that Mary rested in her final sleep, "dormition." A visit to the lovely crypt is rewarding.

The third shrine commemorating Mary is outside the Old City at the bottom of the Kidron Valley near the Garden of Gethsemane. This is the Rock Tomb, the place where, a fourth-century tradition says, Mary was brought for burial. The basilica here dates back to the fifth century.

Across the Old City from St. Anne's, inside the walls, is the Armenian Cathedral of St. James, built in the twelfth century in memory of the leader of the early Christians of Jerusalem. The beautiful interior and the fabulous treasury and library of the convent merit a quiet, long visit, as does the completely new seminary built across the street from the main compound.

One of Jerusalem's outstanding landmarks is on the top of the Mount of Olives, east of the city. Here in the Russian Compound, is a six-story tower visible for miles around from every direction. Two very unusual churches dating from Czarist times, are situated here, close by the Byzantine site of Jesus' ascension.

Let us proceed down the Mount of Olives on the path which Jesus took on the first Palm Sunday. We head westward towards the Old City and come to the Pater Noster Church, where, it is believed, Jesus taught His disciples the "Lord's Prayer." The present Church was built in 1869 on the ruins of the Byzantine church erected by the Princess of Auvergne, a cousin of the Emperor Napoleon. In a cloister adjoining the church are over 30 large plaques with the Lord's Prayer, each in a different language.

Nearby is the small but charming church, "Dominus Flavit," on the site where 'Jesus wept over the city'. The Franciscans built the new church in 1955 on the ruins of a fifth-century Byzantine structure. The church's plate glass window facing west provides one of the most lovely views of the Old City, the Jerusalem that Jesus loved.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem, looking down on it from the

Mount of Olives, and sadly predicted its downfall. The site of His "Olivet Discourse" was memorialized by Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, in the third of her great basilicas, St. Eleona. (The Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Nativity were the other two basilicas she built; one in Jerusalem and the other in Bethlehem five miles to the South.) Nearly 100 feet long by 65 feet wide, and with walls nearly five feet thick, St. Eleona was destroyed by the Persians at the beginning of the seventh century and only partly restored by the Crusaders some 500 years later.

This partly restored basilica was lost to history until 1910 when excavators uncovered its foundations. An attempt to fully restore the ancient and beautiful church was begun in 1920 but was never completed.

Before we pause, let me answer one important question. How do we really know where Jesus wept, and where Mary was laid to rest? The answer is that we cannot always be sure of the exact spot. The Roman Emperor Hadrian destroyed Jerusalem in 135 A.D. and the early Christians were dispersed. It was not until 200 years later, during the era of Constantine, that Christians began to erect churches in the city. These later Christians were relying on older traditions when they built their shrines, however, archaeological findings do support most of the traditional sites. Yet what is important to us is the irreplaceable spiritual uplift we Christians receive when we visit these sites.

GENERAL MOTORS SPONSORS ANTI-CHRIST FILM

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the deity of Christ anyway, so naturally they would be delighted to have the film shown. The spokesman said, "We certainly do not wish to offend anybody" and hedged that GM is not "committed" to the film.

Zeffirelli, an opera, film, and theatrical producer and designer who was acclaimed for his Brother Sun and Sister Moon depiction of Roman Catholic saint Francis of Assisi, has discarded the miracles of Christ. The Lord will not be shown walking on the water of the Sea of Galilee, nor will He turn water into wine at the Cana wedding feast.

Indeed, the character of Christ may become totally lost by the time the Italian director is through. He is noted for lavish stage designs and effects that tend to overshadow the actors. And in many of the exterior scenes being shot, smoke or incense is being blown in front of the camera to give the film the appearance of age.

To protest the showing of The Life of Christ, write to any or all of the men listed below:

Mr. E. M. Estes, president General Motors Corporation 11-265 GM Building Detroit, Michigan 48202

Mr. Herbert S. Schlosser, president National Broadcasting Company 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10020

Sir Lew Grade, chairman A-TV Network, Ltd. A-TV Centre, Birmingham BI 2JP GREAT BRITAIN

Benamino Finocchiaro, president Radio Televisione Italiana Viale Mazzini 14,00195, Rome Mazzini 14,00195 ITALY

Americans should also write to the station manager of your local NBC-TV affiliate, since affiliates carry considerable weight with network executives; and to the letters-to-the-editor section of area newspaper.

"The public has never wanted to accept Jesus as a man," alleges Zeffirelli, "but only as a God... People need a sublime image, above and beyond reality, in order to maintain their faith" (emphasis added). He admits, "The public may be critical of my view of Jesus' life." Indeed, director, they will.

DEAR SOUL WINNER

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prospect cards. You will then have a specific place in which to go.

IV. THE WAY YOU KNOCK ON THE DOOR IS IMPORTANT!

1. Knocking is very important. A soft knock brings almost no response. A soft knock lacks CONFIDENCE. On the other hand, you do not pound on the door, as you may be met with quite a bit of resistance. Develop a FIRM knock so the inhabitants of the house will feel that someone of importance is knocking.

V. IN SOUL WINNING YOU WILL ALREADY HAVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES IN WHICH TO GO THROUGH VISITORS CARDS AND ALSO NAMES GIVEN TO US BY FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. LET PROSPECT KNOW WHO, IF FAMILY OR FRIEND, GAVE YOU THEIR NAME.

VI. CANVASSING IS A BIT DIFFERENT!

1. In canvassing, you have no specific name and address.
2. In canvassing, you are letting people know you exist.
3. In canvassing, you want to find out:

- Name
- How long in area
- Children
- Church

Just find out the necessities. I left out the address, because you will already have the address. How? This is how.

1. You know what city you are in. (Romulus).
2. You know what street you are on. (Wayne Road).
3. The number is usually on the outside of the house. (11309).

So, you already have the address

before you even enter the house.

If you see children's toys in the yard, you can assume that there are children at a particular home. Use this to find out how many children. If a child is in the front yard and let's you know (as children will do) that you are at his house, then you know that there is at least one child in this home. You can then say to the parent (s) that you have met their child outside; ask them if he/she attends Sunday School. They will either say yes, or let you know that he/she is not the only child they have.

AT ALL TIMES YOU SHOULD BE THE LEADER OF THE CONVERSATION.

VII. BE DISCRETE AS POSSIBLE IN FILLING OUT FORMS WHILE IN HOMES.

If someone walked into your home, identified themselves as members of a particular church, began talking to you, and filling out forms, you tend to be uncomfortable. After all, you are giving personal information to a stranger and you could be talking to an imposter. One person should fill out the form. Let that person be a sharp individual who can be discrete in his/her job. People are suspicious these days and they have a right to be. Be careful. If the person you visit lets you know that they don't want you to fill out forms (and you will run into these people frequently), then do not fill it out. *In this case, remember as much as you can and fill it out after you have left the home. This way you will not alienate the prospect and he will most likely invite you back. RESPECT THE WISHES OF PROSPECTS. After all, you are in THEIR homes. * If you have the address as specified in VI, then all you have to remember is the name.

VIII. LET IT BE KNOWN THAT YOU WISH TO BE OF SERVICE TO THEM.

Be available to the people you visit. Let them know that you want to help in any way that you can. They may never call you. But should a need arise, they will remember you. You will be remembered as someone who will tell the truth and will not compromise in order to gain favor with them. They may never come to church with you. But they will remember that you can be trusted and that you will do RIGHT even if everyone else is doing WRONG. This trust is invaluable.

IX. BE THE LEADER OF THE CONVERSATION BUT NOT THE MONOPOLIZER!

You set the pace of conversation. But let the people you are visiting talk also. Every now and then you may come upon a person who has the need to talk to someone who is totally unacquainted with the situation. LET THIS PERSON TALK TO YOU! If they cannot talk with you, then they may find someone else who will listen, but will give them the wrong advice. You are in the position to give them JESUS. You will give them THE TRUTH. What better advice could they have?

X. WHY CAN WE TALK ABOUT OUR EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES TO OTHERS WITH CONFIDENCE, BUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT JESUS TO OTHERS WE STUTTER AND STAMMER?

Those of us who love to cook can tell a total stranger exactly what to put into a cake or pie and have no trouble answering any questions they may have about it. Why? Because we know what we're talking about. We have made a cake or a pie so many times that we could do it blindfolded. The same goes for fixing cars, sewing, washing, cleaning, etc. Other than fixing cars (unless you are a mechanic) not one day goes by without our doing one of these things. Why, then, can we not do the same thing when it comes to Jesus? Jesus must become a part of us; a total part of us. John the Baptist said it best: "He must increase; but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

XI. MATERIALS

1. You will need pen/pencil, notebook, *cards or forms to be filled out, and your Bible. It is best to have a small Bible that can be carried easily. You will not need your Bible dictionary, concordance, etc. These are not necessary because you are not going to teach a course in Bible theology. Travel Light! *Take only as many cards, etc. as necessary.

I hope that these points will help you in soul winning. There is much more to come. We are just beginning. You must remember that you were once unsaved. You must talk to people as you would want to be talked to. You must treat them as you would want to be treated. This is summed up in our Lord's greatest commandment: "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

In the Service of the King,

Margaret Givens

EVANGELS TEMPLE FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

We are the saints of Evangels Temple and we would like to thank God for our pastor, Elder M. Thomas, a blessed man of God and lovely wife working by his side. Sister Thomas is kind to everyone and our pastor believes in fasting and praying. We thank God for blessing us with a big church with class rooms, pastors' office, church office, big dining room, kitchen and other rooms. We know this is God's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes, because we had no church, but we fasted and prayed until the Lord provided a church and baptism pool. Our membership is growing and we are so happy working together in love. "If the Lord is for us He's more than the world against us."

Sister E. M. Thompson,
Reporter

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ARCADIA, LA.

Holy Greetings in Jesus name, I will bless the Lord at all times. We are thanking God for our Pastor, the Lord is working like never before through him.

The following are testimonies:

My name is Mrs. Margaret Causey, I thank the Lord for a friend that told me about Elder Cook. I had tried everything to get relief from my illness and I wrote to him by faith, God through him did the work. If you've tried everything write to Elder Cook. My address is 501 Edmund St., Flint, Michigan 48505.

My name is Sister Nellie McDade and I live at 15760 Washburn, Detroit, Michigan 48238. I thank God for Elder Cook too, I had a very sick daughter, nothing was working and he sent me some blessed oil, and I rubbed it on her. I wish you could see her now. If there's anyone who need help and blessed oil write Elder Cook and he will be glad to send you some. He said, it is not him that is doing the work it is God.

Elder Charles Cook mailing address is P. O. Box 463 Arcadia, Louisiana.

Sister Effie Mackey, Reporter

EXORCISM AT THE HOUSE OF INSPIRATION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 32 EAST 113TH PLACE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60628

These words of facts are written that you may understand the testimony that follows as told by the young woman who was exonerated from the demons possessing her body.

This was done by pleading the "Name of Jesus, and Blood of Jesus", through prayers of the saints, the reading of God's Word continuously and the anointing with Holy Oil by the pastor. Certainly, there is power in prayer, power in the Name of Jesus and power in the Word of God through Jesus Christ! PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD! OH, HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH! BLESS THE NAME OF JESUS! THANK GOD FOR THE VICTORY! THANK GOD FOR YOUR SON, JESUS! PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME! THIS IS HOW IT HAPPENED

The pastor, Dr. Samuel A. Fluker, missionaries, ministers and other saints of God; visitors and myself, bear witness, that on Sunday, November 7, 1976, we heard demons speak out in foreign words and the English language with a foreign accent.

The choir was singing a song of inspiration and the church was rejoicing and praising the Lord. Suddenly a young woman ran up to one of our deacons and put her arms around his neck requesting help. Immediately, the pastor came over and started praying and anointing her with Holy Oil. She started raging and tearing at her clothes. The missionaries, and other saints joined the pastor in prayer as the

choir continued singing in the spirit. The enemy threw the young woman on the floor where he was trying to take off her clothes-she began to speak out, "Let me go; 'I' need help" "Help me."! She was restrained by holding each hand. Her head was protected by placing a pillow under it. She was removed from the church auditorium to the choir room in the back accompanied by the missionaries, young minister and myself, while the pastor continued with the morning worship.

Prayers, Bible reading and demanding that the demons come out in the Name of Jesus, continued.

When the Holy Bible was held over the young woman at the base of the neck, where the enemy seemed to be making his greatest attack-also the stomach, He cried out, in a rage; "No! No!" Get that away! "Get that away from me!" We continued to cry out, "Come out Satan in the Name of Jesus!" "The Blood of Jesus is against you!" The enemy responded, "No!" "No!" I won't come out!" "You can't have her!" I'll save her!" "You will kill her!" "I can help her!" A foreign accent was used with some of these expressions.

Many times the enemy sat up in her though each hand was held to prevent fighting and tearing off clothing. The enemy would look directly at us with piercing red, red eyes and spurt out foreign words as if he hated us. One other time he spoke as if he were speaking with tongue directed by the Holy Spirit.

Because of the diversity of voices, we believe there to be more than one demon. Our

THE UNITED SISTERS CHARITY DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Greetings in Christ Jesus. The United Sisters of Charity was blessed to have a dinner at Greater Mt. Zion Tabernacle, International Church of God in Christ located at 11520 Woodward Ave. Detroit, Michigan. The dinner was served to 108 Nursing Home patients on Saturday, December 16, 1976. This is typical of what the United Sisters of Charity do for mission work in jails and nursing homes. Last year they were blessed to give our 500 bags of fruit. Sometimes they are blessed to give out presents of useful articles needed by the prisoners or the nursing home patients.

The president is Mother Mary Jane Hopkins, the vice-president, Mother Margardita Boles and the secretary, Sister Maude Batic and Bro. John Boles, coordinator Mother Mary J. Hopkins is the founder of the United Sisters of Charity, which is incorporated and tax exempt. Mother M. Boles, a registered nurse, is very active with over 40 nursing homes that she services, with the help of the Lord. Currently an effort is being made to increase the local chapters engaged in this rewarding endeavor.

Sincerely,

Mother M. Boles

pastor confirmed this belief. The enemy would laugh as if some type of pleasure was encountered. Then he was crying as if in great sorrow or pain.

More than one saint discerned that other forces were hindering us in getting through the wall of the enemy. Therefore, this idea initiated the search of her body for some object. One of the missionaries opened the young woman's blouse, looked about her neck, behold! a piece of wollen yarn with a tan piece of dried up fruit (not identified) on it. Later we found out that a friend lady had told her to wear this to warn off the evil spirit. When this was removed, the enemy cried out with the cry of a wounded animal whose whimpering slowly, slowly ceased as he took his last breath of life. The demon didn't let go. The enemy made her jump from the bed, after tearing away from them holding her with a terrific force and backed her up in a corner where she fought back with terror in her eyes as if afraid. Fear of us was written all over her face. When she was finally pulled from the corner, the enemy threw her down on the floor. He began to rise up again speaking in foreign words and looking at us with red, red eyes. At that moment the pastor returned and he spoke with the power of authority from on high, "Don't you speak another word!" He told the young woman to say, "Thank you Jesus". She tried to say "tha...", but it would not come out. The enemy was yet trying to hold on. Pastor Fluker repeated, "Thank you Jesus". She struggled with the words and said, "Tha..nk you...u"-"Jesus" never came out. The pastor demanded with even more authority, say: "THANK YOU JESUS"! She yelled out, loud and clear: "THANK YOU JESUS!" "THANK YOU JESUS!" PRAISE GOD! She was free! She was free! THANK GOD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, SHE WAS FREE!! PEACE HAD SURELY COME TO HER!

She was lifted from the floor and placed on the bed where she sat up. A changed person, she asked: "What happened?" She didn't remember anything at all. Not even when she ran to the deacon for help. Exorcism was in practice for approximately three hours and the enemy had completely possessed her for that entire time period.

She was asked, "How are you feeling?" She replied smilingly, "I feel fine." This reply brought on an explosive reaction of praising and thanking God for the miracle. Oh, how we did shout and praise the Lord!

The pastor told her that the Lord had used her calamity to bring eight "souls" to Christ during morning worship. Oh, the joy that radiated from her facial expression! Yes, she was slightly laughing.

She and her children have joined our christian family and she is now serving as an usher in the church.

This was the writer's first experience of participating in an Exorcism. I shall never forget the HEALING AND SAVING

POWER OF GOD EXHIBITED THROUGH HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST THAT DAY! OH, THE GLORY OF IT ALL! I will never be the same. It was as if I had a personal encounter with the SAVING GRACE OF GOD face to face! Christian friends, don't FAKE CHRIST! HE IS REAL-HE LIVES! Let Him dominate your whole being and direct your life completely everyday. Hypocrisy is sure death! He is not a shallow Christ. He must be deep in your heart, monopolizing your innermost thoughts. Jesus said Himself that, "THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND. THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREAT COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE UNTO IT, THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF. ON T H E S E T W O COMMANDMENTS H A N G ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS." Matthew 22:36-40

Just how do you show this love? "FOR THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD, THAT WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: AND HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT GREIVIOUS" I John 5:3

Thanks to Evangelist Lillian Sherrod for helping me to clarify direct quotes as she heard them spoken from the mouth of the indwelling demons.

Reported by Sister Frances B. Sanders
Editor, Newsletter, "The Inspirer"

NOW LISTEN TO THE TESTIMONY OF THE ABOVE YOUNG WOMAN-HOW SHE ENCOUNTERED SATAN AND HIS ADVERSARIES.

"SATAN TRICKED ME"

July 22, 1976, I went to see a man who said he was a true man of God. He asked me if someone had told me of him and I replied, "no" He related to me things of my past life, therefore, I believed that God had let him know these things. He wanted to know if I believed in him, and I said, "yes". Then he asked me three questions. After which he rubbed my body with an engrossing oil-next, he made the bottom part of the Star of David and required that I return to see him in two weeks.

I went back in two weeks, but during this time period, I was going through an emotional and physical change. I changed from a kind even-tempered person to one of very high-temper. I could not see the change myself but everyone I loved, detected it. They said my complexion had changed also, I constantly prayed to God for help.

I returned the next week and Rev. "A" said that I was unlucky for myself as well as for my family. Therefore, he anointed me with oil again.

After this meeting, things began to change for me. I thought it was the work of the Lord. For example, I went to the store to get two money orders-one for sixty dollars and one for forty dollars. I told the lady I did not have all of the money, and she

gave me both, the money orders and the money. I kept praising the Lord for this blessing and it really was not from the Lord but from Satan.

My friend and I went to the race track and I lost all that money. I yet praised the Lord even so.

The next day, I was very angry because someone shot my car window out and I said to myself, "I will get even." I went to the race track with hate in my heart for someone. I won the money to fix my car window. I was supposed to give Rev. "A" some of the money but I did not. The money seemed to have disappeared quickly.

I bought a lottery ticket and I won money on it. I thought the Lord was blessing me still and I thanked Him.

I did not feel well physically, so I told Rev. "A" and he laid his hand on my shoulder and I felt better. Several weeks past and this bad feeling left me. Again Rev. "A" oiled my body. This time, I sat in his office and I prayed to the Lord to help me over the works of evil doers. As I sat in prayer, he knew I had called on God because he hid his face. While praying, someone spoke to me and said, "Go to church."

I went home and lit a candle and prayed to God. I heard this voice again saying, "Go to church." "I'll be with you." I telephoned Sister Sibly (my neighbor) and asked, "What time does church service start?" She told me and I went to morning service, November 7, 1976.

While sitting there, I felt sad and wanted to leave. However, I remained-after this I became totally unaware of anything.

I was told what had happened within a three-hour period of time. That God had cast out demons with many voices who spoke with foreign tongues. The saints had prayed to God and pleaded the "Blood of Jesus"-asking Him to set the demons free in the "Name of Jesus".

That night I went home and threw out the candles, incense and oil. Later as I lay in bed, a shadow walked by my door out of my children's room into the bathroom. I said in fear, "JESUS, KEEP ME SAFE."

The demons did not want me to have complete deliverance, but I found myself pleading THE BLOOD OF JESUS and Jesus brought me out of that pit! He showed me during my sleep how he delivered me from the pit. I came to church and witnessed to others of His "GREAT WORK"! I will continue to work for Him. God is yet doing great things for me and my family.

Pray for me and my family that we will grow stronger and stay with the church.

The Testimony of Sister Linda Ruth Eldridge

A New Born-Christian and Usher at the House of Inspiration Church of God in Christ 32 E. 113th Place, Chicago, Illinois 60628

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SUPT. WINBUSH AND COMMITTEE GOES INTO SECOND YEAR WITH U. N. A. C.

native of Louisiana. He completed his undergraduate work at Southern University, which is one of the largest and most progressive black universities in the south. He achieved his Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Sociology and Education. Of special significance is the fact that he met his wife there, who also was specializing in Education. He afterward earned his Masters of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York. After finishing what is considered to be the nations' No. 1 school of theology, he returned to his native land to commence his labor in the Master's Vineyard. For more than twenty years he has been directly involved in a pastoral ministry. During that time he has preached out and help to build five churches. He is the first Church of God in Christ pastor of National prominence to succeed with an 8:00 a. m. Sunday morning service and 10:00 a. m. Sunday school. He now serves his state as Administrative Assistant to Bishop John White. He worked in the National Sunday School Department as its Chairman for more than ten years. In 1965 he was elected to the National Provisional Board for the International Youth Congress. His greatest contribution however, in eyes of this paper, is the unparalleled job he is doing with the Sunday School literature and Publishing House in general. In 1966 when he was made Editor-in-chief of Sunday School literature, there virtually for the Church of God in Christ, was no Sunday Curriculum.

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and the doctrines and ideology of our Church throughout the United States and the world.

From this center, The Church of God in Christ will assert their rightful place as the leaders in the pentecostal movement throughout the world. Saints Center will be the Mecca of Christianity, drawing millions of our brothers and sisters to heed the call of pilgrimage to this wellspring of the Holy Ghost on the banks of the mighty Mississippi.

Sunday School literature consisted of a small pamphlet. He will have to go down in the History of the Church as the pioneer of the graded curriculum which consist of a specially designed program of christian Education from birth to senior age level. Sunday School literature now is of encyclopedic value. The wealth of knowledge in them makes them of volume size. Young people now read their Sunday School literature as a favorite pastime.

In 1968 he was appointed president of the Publishing House. At that time it was of very little publishing importance. Most of the Church of God in Christ literature was printed by local companies. Today, nearly all the literature used by the denomination is both published and printed at the Publishing House, including all Sunday School books, YPWW topics, Prayer and Bible Band topics. Home and Foreign Mission topics, and the Whole Truth Paper which had become the official organ of the brotherhood. He also gave the Church their first Church of God in Christ Bookstore. Much of his success with the Publishing House was due to the strong ground work laid by Bishop Patterson who for many years kept it alive until the time came when it could support itself.

Elder Winbush serves on Board for C. H. Mason Seminary and did much to help coordinate its beginning. He has used two scriptures in the Bible as a source of strength, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit" Zec. 4:6 and "I can do all things through Christ that strengthen me"...

He is the father of two daughters.

Saints Center is a dream. A dream capable of fulfillment with God's help. But it is a dream that requires the faith, hard work and financial sacrifice of all of us. But the rewards of every saint's sacrifice shall be in full measure. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also bountifully." II Corinthians 9:6

The architect's drawing shown here will give you a small idea of the physical beauty of Saints Center. But no drawing can begin to convey the human and

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realized that liberty was becoming a reality. Dr. King did not say the words of Patrick Henry, but he experienced them as he died for the liberty that he had so gallantly fought for while he lived.

"Liberty" can one think of a word more beautiful, more comforting, or more welcoming to those who are bound? Our Lord, speaking from Isaiah, said "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach-deliverance to the captives" (Luke 4:17,18). And he did just that.

Apostle Paul exhorts in Galatians to "Stand fast, therefore in the liberty which Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." This advice is to each individual that he might treasure the wonderful liberty that was made possible by the sacrificial death of our Lord.

Do you have this liberty? Are you standing fast or are you carelessly letting it slip from you? Maybe you have never experienced it? If not, you can. All you need to do is:

Confess and forsake your sins, Open your heart and let Jesus in. God's grace brings salvation free, Invest in Jesus and you will see Christ will give you complete liberty.

Dr. Flora H. Blanchard
Member of Writing Staff

spiritual activity that will flow from this garden in the city. Covering over 7½ acres, Saints Center will be built on land surrounding our present COGIC International Headquarters in Memphis.

It will cost an estimated \$20 Million and stand as testimony to our Partners for Progress for the century to come.

(1) The Chisca Building currently housing COGIC International Headquarters will be completely remodeled. The facilities in this impressive structure will include COGIC Administrative Offices, Meeting Rooms, Auditoriums, The COGIC Bookstore and other shops and dining rooms. The

SPECIAL NOTICE

Dear Rev. Whitehead,

I beg to inform the General Church that the Rev. T. W. Hall of Trinityville, Jamaica W. I. is not in fellowship with the Church of God in Christ, Jamaica W. I. Jurisdiction, Inc.

The Rev. Hall has withdrawn his fellowship from the church and has repeatedly refused to reconcile his differences. He now operates his church independently. The Rev. Hall is receiving monthly contributions from several of the churches throughout the United States, although he is not in fellowship with the Brotherhood.

I beg everyone concern to direct your missionary gifts earmarked Jamaica to the Home & Foreign Mission Department.

Yours truly,

Bishop Ivor F. Rowe
Jurisdictional Bishop

facilities will also include radio, television and recording studios. Many of the building's facilities may be utilized by other interested religious groups.

(2) Executive Office Building. The Chisca Motel Annex will be remodeled and converted to office use for many COGIC departments.

(3) Convention Center. This impressive new domed structure in the form of a perfect circle will seat 15,000 for great events or two separate activities simultaneously seating audiences of 4,000 and 11,000 in two partitioned section.

(4) GOD's Hall of Fame and Wax Museum. A shrine for memorabilia and artifacts of the Founding Fathers with exhibits honoring our outstanding saints throughout the history of The Church of God in Christ.

(5) Multi-Story Parking Facility. Secured indoor parking for 2,000 cars.

(6) COGIC Publishing House. Our new facility for printed word evangelism. It will be staffed to translate the COGIC message into many languages. Saints Center will provide employment for many of our young, qualified church members.

(7) James Oglethorpe Patterson Performing Arts Amphitheater. Set in a beautiful walled garden, this sunken amphitheater and the grounds will provide our young scholarship students with an ideal forum for practicing and demonstrating their performing arts skills. Here too, we will hold outdoor religious services and spiritual entertainment events, Black History pageants and arts and crafts exhibits. An outdoor Baptistry will evoke the spirit of Jordan River Baptism.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE

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Washington, D. C. where I would have my own apartment and be entirely on my own. Not having ever lived in a city such as Washington, I did not or could not see the danger ahead. A seventeen year old fresh from the country, greenhorn, never, ever facing the hard cold life of the gib city, I was asking for real trouble.

I had mentioned to my mother my plans. She being a prayful person, just accepted this and

merely state, "If its the Lord's will, you'll go." "And if this what you want out of life so be it." Not realizing then that Christ had chosen me for his own; that I was destined to be Holy and separate from the world; that this is the way I had to be brought up to be prepared for the life he wanted me to lead. The scripture states, "But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

My mother knew that I was chosen of God, but she also knew that I had to realize this fact for myself. So, not being pushy, or even bringing it up again she began to pray. Before the time for me to leave for Washington, D.C., my thoughts and interests were turned toward our Youth Congress which was covening that year in Washington, D.C. And oh I wanted to go. Well the way was made for me to go, so I went. But on my way I stopped at several other places. You see, I was traveling with an evangelist who was concerned about me, and was sponsoring my trip. But I see now that it was the hand of God. I had a chance to see young people needing Christ to deliver them from all sort of situations. I saw for myself how persons could get caught up into sin. Yet this did not change my mind. So after my trip, having lasted longer than a week, I had missed out on going to D.C. with the F.B.I. which was a good thing for had I gone, I would have not been here today I am sure.

Being the determined person that I was, I would not have my plans fully crushed so I planned to leave anyway. So I came to Roanoke, Virginia where I got into a church and enrolled into nursing school. For awhile things were going well for me, until I got involved with a young man who really did not mean me anygood. My pastor and his wife talked with me, warned me against the evils that they saw me falling into. He, the pastor, would so often tell me, "Creola, you are a chosen vessel of God, He wants you for himself." Instead, I just felt sheltered again and, that this was my mother's doing. I just grew more and more rebellious. I joined a Gospel Singing group, but I was living far from what I was singing about. Doing the things I was taught against. Trying to have the world and church too. My friend, I found out, we can not have the two. Christ will not share us with anyone or anything. He wants all of us or none at all. There is no in between.

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